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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Key West Bureau -  
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I. GENERAL

A further indication of the high cost of living in Key West -- highest in the state of Florida -- is provided by the fact that Keys residents pay \$8.55 per thousand gallons for water. Dade County residents pay \$.61 for the same amount. Key West residents also pay twice as much for electricity as do residents in Key Largo, some 100 miles north.

An example of the insane real estate market is the Key West house purchased recently by jeans manufacturer Calvin Klein. The house was first bought for \$45,000 almost 7 years ago. Following refurbishment, the house was sold to Klein for \$975,000.

II. OPERATIONS

On 19 February, the bureau finally began receiving transmissions from the Mexican Notimex press agency. Initial observations indicate that the service will be extremely productive, with up to 25 percent of items dealing with Mexico considered worthy of filing.

II. VISITS

1. The new commanding officer of Key West Naval Communications Unit, Lieut. John Howard, visited the bureau to discuss communications procedures and service.

2. Commander Bollman, from the Naval Air Station's Public Works Department, met with the bureau chief to report on road work in the neighborhood of the bureau.

3. While on a private visit to Key West, [redacted] from FBIS EP & S visited the bureau for a briefing.

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4. [redacted] regional engineer, visited the bureau to determine electronic and maintenance ne [redacted]

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Attachments

cc: Panama Bureau